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SUBJECT: MTN: BRIEFING OF LDG REPRESENTATIVES ON FRAME-
WORK OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE TOKYO ROUND.

1. SUMMARY: IN TWO WELL-ATTENDED INFORMAL MEETINGS
JULY 14 WITH LDC DELEGATIONS, DC SPONSORS REVIEWED
"FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING". LDC REPS REGRETTE IT HAD
NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL MTN PARTICIPANTS IN A
COMMON ASSESSMENT AND REFERRED TO LDC STATEMENT GIVEN TO
PRESS EARLIER IN DAY (SEPTEL). A NUMBER OF LDC REPS CON-
GRATULATED DC'S ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED. ONLY MEXICO
(GARRIDO) WAS NEGATIVE AND CRITICAL. END SUMMARY.
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2. ALTHOUGH U.S., EC, JAPAN HAD TRIED TO ARRANGE A SINGLE
INFORMAL SESSION WITH LDC'S JULY 13 PRIOR TO CIRCULATION
OF "FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING", DG LONG THOUGHT THIS
UNWISE. MEETINGS WERE ACCORDINGLY CONVENED IN EC OFFICES.
REPS OF MOST SPONSORS/SUPPORTERS OF "FRAMEWORK" ATTENDED
AS WELL (U.S., EC, JAPAN, CANADA, NORDICS, SWITZERLAND,

N.Z.).

3. FIRST SESSION ATTENDED PRINCIPALLY BY AFRICAN AND OTHER EC ASSOCIATES, A NUMBER OF WHOM CONGRATULATED DC'S ON PROGRESS MADE (NIGERIA, GREECE, PORTUGAL), WHILE REPEATING THEIR CONCERNS THAT LESS-DEVELOPED LDC'S COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONALLY TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION. TONE OF THIS SESSION OVERALL WAS QUITE GOOD.

4. SECOND SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY LATIN AMERICANS, ASIANS, AND EASTERN EUROPEANS AND TONE WAS CRITICAL. DR. TOMIC OF YUGOSLAVIA REGRETTED THAT LDC'S HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN DRAFTING, WHICH HAD REQUIRED THEM TO PREPARE THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT (SEPTEL). HE HOPED LDC'S WOULD BE FULLY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AND NOT PRESENTED AT THE END OF THE DAY WITH A PACKAGE TO BE TOLD THAT IT WAS "...GOOD FOR THEM."

5. MOST NEGATIVE STATEMENT WAS MADE BY MEXICO (GARRIDO) WHO DESCRIBED DOCUMENT AS AN ASSESSMENT FROM A PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW; WHICH WAS NOT SHARED BY MEXICO; AND DID NOT PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. BRAZIL DEL (BARTHEL ROSA) NOTED MTN WOULD ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF IT MET THE NEEDS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. BRAZIL HAS INDICATED IT IS PREPARED TO MOVE, AND IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF DRAFTERS OF THE DC DOCUMENT TO MOVE TO MEET LDC NEEDS
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HALFWAY.

6. COMMENT: MEETINGS HELPED REASSURE LDC'S THAT NO FINAL DEALS HAD BEEN STRUCK AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN ALL AREAS. INTRA-DC HARMONY WAS PRESERVED THROUGHOUT BOTH SESSIONS.

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